# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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Transportation with Neighbouring Countries
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inter-country bus, trains and shipping services maintained by India with neighbouring countries;

(b) the details of pending proposals with the Ministry for increasing frequency of existing services or to start services on new routes;

(c) whether introduction/revival of shipping services from India to Sri Lanka would be undertaken in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d) A MoU was signed between India and Sri Lanka on 07 January 2011 for operationalization of ferry services between Tuticorin and Colombo and between Rameswaram and Talaimannar. The ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo was started on 13 June 2011 and was discontinued from 22 November 2011 as it was found to be commercially non-viable. The start of ferry service between Rameswaram to Talaimannar is dependent upon the reconstruction of the Talaimannar Pier on the Sri Lankan side.